## THE CONSUL'S SEAL

about the keys to the safe?" inquired Inspector Daniel Higgins of the Hongolice; "you say you have them securely attached to a chain and never let them out of your handseven to any one of your own family? "Exactly so." replied Col. Oliver Hepkinson, who had the honor of being the United States consul in that beautiful island of the Pacific. "Even Mrs. Hopkinson has a clear understanding on that question. When we were first married I said to her: 'Now; Mrs. H., I've stood up there before the parson and endowed you with all my worldly goods. Of course, that's all right and as it should be, but there's just one small thing that the book omits to mention, and that is the little bunch that jingles on the end of this chain (suiting the action to the word by swinging it around in the air), and so you will please always remember that, as Pat said to Bridget, "What's mine is yours-but my office keys are my own."'"

"And, may I ask, sir, what do you do with them at night?? Is it not possible that your bedroom could be entered and they taken away without your knowing it?"

"No, sir-ee! No thief takes those keys unless he takes Oliver along with them. I chain them up to my left arm the last thing before I go to sleep and there they stay until the

"Then, if the safe was opened and the seal taken away, it must have been by the use of a duplicate key or by the picking of the lock—at any rate, it was certainly not by the use "Most certainly not," was the con-

"Most certainly not, was the consul's emphatic reply.

"And the outer door of your safe has one of those American combination locks, has it not, that opens by setting the numbers?"

"Yes, sir, one of the best fire-and-burglar-proof latest patterns. There isn't a better one in all this

There isn't a better one in all this colony."

"And the keys are only used to open the inner doors, then?"

"Exactly so. And that's the place where I always keep the office seal."

"And how about the tiffin hour? Do you leave it out on the deak then?"

"No. sir, when I go out the seal goes in; it's never there alone a single minute."

gle minute."
"Do you close the outer door when
yo go to tiffin."
"No. as a rule, I just close and lock

the inner one."
"Then the thief—or whoever the person might be—would not have to know the combination or to bother with those numbers at all, but would just have to open the inner steel "Yes, if he came in while I was at timn, that's about all he would have

to do."

"And do you and your assistant, Mr.
Fielding both go to tiffin at the same

Fielding both go to tiffin at the same time?"

"Well. I suppose we oughtn't to, but, as a matter of act, that's exactly what we've been doing ever since I came here."

"And who, may I ask, is in charge of the office while both you gentlemen are at tiffin?"

"Hiraldo the Goose (far east for Pertuguese') and Old Wing, the boy, both sit at the table in the hall and no one can possibly get by them, so it's perfectly safe you see—"

"Yes." interrupted the inspector, "unless the intruder came in through the window, which I begin to think it's most likely he did, and that's the very next point for us to examine. So you won't mind, sir, if Deputy Brownlow, with one or two native detectives, comes around here this afternoon and makes a careful survey of the outside of the consulate,

ith all the steps and verandas?"
"Send them around at half-past four chief, that's the time we shut up business for the day, and then all the coast will be clear and there won't be a lot of curlosity seeker hanging

"Good morning, and good luck to you!"
replied the consul, as he passed out
of the door of headquarters and asked the police sentry to call his
gikasha.

THE above conversation had referony of Hongkong for many a day. A notorious Chinese criminal, known to the authorities as "Old Vegetables" (which name had been given to him on account of four sword cuts on his forehead which resembled the character for that article in the picture language of the empire), had been recently captured with the by the colony police and was on his the trip have given liberty and was gone almost before they knew it. And the astonishing and irritating thing about it all was that he escaped in the police department's ewn steam launch and apparently at their request! For the swift Bentinel, as their attractive new boat was called, was lying at the end of the customs pier (with steam all up as usual, ready to rush in any direction at a moment's notice), when a native, waving a piece of white paper in his hand, came running down the pier at full speed and, jumping on board, rushed up to the captain and, pushing the paper into his hand, cried: "Chop chop!" My chin chin you, velly they chop chop." ("Oulck! Oulck! Ou liberty and was gone almost before they knew it. And the astonishing

the skipper to the man at the wheel, sudden. as he held the paper up to the lantern and read as follows:

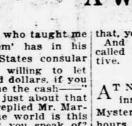
The yall they "Rush this messenger out to the Pacific Mail at once, he carries important papers for the United States consul at Nagasaki and he must get very evening. There were only two

"It must be all right." he said to himself, "for I see it bears the consul's official seal." So the Sentinel, all unsuspecting, dashed out to the several ways. Was the wife of Strathmore to prove a match-micro a match-breaker? himself, "for I see it bears the consul's official seal." So the Sentinel, all unsuspecting, dashed out toward the Pacific Mail buoy and in less than fifteen minutes had deposited "Old Vegetables" on the gangway of the steamer, just blowing her whistle for the departure. He hurried inside, passed Portuguese isle. along to the forward companionway. Everything passed off very pleas halling a waiting sampan, went over turn on the afternoon steamer, after the side with the agility of a monkey visiting the castle and driving along

catch a sampan or swim.

MR.AND MRS. WESTERLY BARNES, who had recently arrived in the colony from Seattle and were on their ber I excused myself for an hour tations, in which industry he was deeply interested for business rea
off with a Portuguese gentleman, who ideas of propriety for them to visit

the gambling dens of Macao.
"Why, mamma, I don't see any reason in the world why we shouldn't go. do? The Portuguese authorities will we didn't hesitate a moment about never let us leave unless we pay up, visiting the Casino at Monte Carlo for you see these places are all bondson in the world why we shouldn't go. We didn't hesitate a moment about when we were in Eurpoe, and surely ed and that's the way they run the it can't be any worse here than it was government. You'll be put under arthere, and Mr. Marshall says it is one rest and—" that enforced her ideas of in-





"HE WENT OVER THE SIDE WITH THE AGILITY OF A MONKEY."

suppose Mr. Marshall ought times, but for he's been there several times, but from all I've read in the books, this Portuguese Macao place is full of all things that they couldn't understand, kinds of mysterious dens, where if a unless they'd been in the far east themselves—but there's the fellow themselves—but there's the fellow out of the office now, just slip his money behind and sometimes his coming out of the office now, just slip me the cash and well and sometimes his coming out of the office now, just slip me the cash and well and the cash and the cas

"Oh, you mustn't believe all you read in the books, you know. Our guide certainly wouldn't let us get into any dangerous places, and besides, Mr. Marshall has very kindly offered to make the sides. offered to go with us himsef as our protector, though of course he doesn't call it by that name. Now, come, that's a good mamma, just say that we can go and I'll tell him at the ence to one of the most sensational Tennis Club this afternoon and I pussed his mind, as the party steamed pussed his mind, as the party steamed to the support waters back to the know he will be delighted to make all the arrangements for us."

English colony. So Mrs. Barnes finally yielded, as nost indulgent mammas do, and havprogram-on the sole condition that he wouldn't be asked to play for more

than a dollar stake at a time-Rosalie looked forward with keenest anticipation to seeing the governor.
young man at the club.
"Oh! Mr. Marshall," she said, as he

ven their consent and it only remains for you to name the happy

board, rushed up to the captain and. child," turning to Miss Barnes, who pushing the paper into his hand, cried: "Chop chop! My chin chin you, velly chop chop!" ("Quick! Quick! I beg you, very, very quick!") "Cast off! Full speed ahead!" said "Cast off! Speed ahead!" sai

The young couple very properly did all they could to ignore Lady Strath "By courtesy of the inspector of either have to accept the situation and openly acknowledge the engagement or immediately cut the ac

d up the steerage deck and, antly and they were preparing to re-a waiting sampan, went over turn on the afternoon steamer, after "Kow Loor Pien! Kow the wonderful beach and being show and shouting, "Kow Loost Pien! Kow Loost Pien! Loo wonder, for this is what he said: "My young friend, I have a serious confession to make to you. While you and the ladies were sipping tea on the

were discussing with their system by which Europeans can always win at the Chinese gambles, and—well, I may as well tell you the truth—I staked all I had and very much more, and as the system unfor-tunately failed to work out right, I lost over a thousand dollars!"
"Good heavens! What are we to

"I am already under arrest-"What!"
"Yes, but the ladies mustn't know word of it.' "How are we going to get away?"

me the cash and we'll make our way to the boat." "Oh! By the way, Signor Rodriguez, this is my friend. Mr. Marshall," introducing an elegant looking person with waxed mustache and goatee. "Signor Rodriguez? Signor Rodri-He didn't recognize the name

TNSPECTOR HIGGINS of the police mood when he made his official report

of the escape of his prisoner to the answer to Sir Evington's questions, came over to where she was sitting with the ladies, "it's all arranged for the trip to Macao. Papa and mamma ates in the matter, and it was all must lay his hand.

skillfully planned out between them." "They must have known that the police launch was ready at the pier

Hopkinson says distinctly that the order to the launch was a forgery and that he had no thought whatever of

paper and sealed with the official seal, and I understand he never allows the seal to go out of his sight."

"Well, they could have easily stolen the sitting at the table in the hall. the paper and written the order, but the only way they could get at the seal was to have picked the lock while the consul was out of the office,

"And that was only at tiffin time." he ever leaves "Has any other case ever been re-ported to you of a forged document bearing the consular seal?" inquired the governor, as he laid down his glasses and looked the inspector straight in the face. "Only one, sir, and that came to me

just this noon in a rather curious "Tell me about it."
"Well, it isn't a Chinese case at all.

but a European one—"
"A European one?"
"Yes, your excellency, a Portugues
one. It seems that a Mr. Wester!

Why, a Portuguese named Rodiguez sold it to him at the Island. est irregular proceeding, to say the least. But how did you hear of this? "Why, my deputy leaked it out to me, sir, from a private conversation he had with young Mr. Marshall of

at the American consulate?"
"Only one, sir. 'Old Hiraldo the
Goose,' they call him, but he's as
honest an old soul as we have in I Hongkong and has been in the office for years."
"It certainly is a most puzzling case," said the governor, as he tipped back his chair and thought to him-self for a moment. "How would you feel about our consulting Wang Foo-

gether in perfect harmony in these "Well, then, I think you had better call him in the morning and lay the whole case before him."

the Canton authorities. This, of course, was a reflection upon the foreign force and would be interpreted by the natives to be a clear case of bribery which he felt certain it was not) and he was as anxious to preserve the good name of the department as any European citizen was. Second, some one had had access to the official seal of the United States

consulate and had used it to forge was not feeling in a very happy at both Hongkong and Macao. Third, some dangerous but very skillful confederate was at work in the colony in constant communication with criminals and it was he who had planned and carried out the escape o "Lao Tsai" ("Old Vegetables"). This was the man—or men, for there might be several of them—upon whom he

> So he set himself to work to solve three mysteries, namely: Who was the villain? How did he get at the conular seal? And lastly, how was he by assisting them to escape.
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> His first visit was to the United
> States consulate, where he talked the
> whole matter over with Col. Hopkinson, and where he made a most careful personal examination of all the approaches, within and without, to

the office in the second story. After noting down various items sul to show him just how he was accustomed to open the inner door of the safe, and also made a careful study of the size and shape of the key His last request was for an impresgram by just hanging your head and blushing and saying: "Oh! This is so sudden."

that he had no thought what he mail sion of the official seal, which he folded carefully away between the sudden."

"But the order was on the consular leaves of the little leather notebook." "And these two faithful servants are always here on duty?" he asked as he pointed to Hiraldo and Old Wing

> "Oh, yes; except once a month so, when the 'Goose' goes back to see his old father." where does the old father live, may I ask? "Oh, in Macao, of course, where the old Portuguese think they get as near

to heaven as they can anywhere on

Europeans who visit it!" remarked Wang Foo with a smile, as he bade the consul good day and hurried back to his home. Once there he sat down to make a careful scrutiny, with a powerful lens, of the seal which the consul had given him and of the seal which wat affixed to the paper by which "Old Vegetables" had made his escape. "They certainly seem to be identical," he said to himself. "I can't discover a particle of difference."

As he laid down the lens, he happened to glance upward at some Chinese characters on the wall of his execution. The world today.

The status quo of the proposed union is, briefly, this: A treaty has been drawn and informally agreed to by four of the five states which would be combined, Nicaragua objecting. Two of the republics, Salvador and Honduras, have formally ratified the treaty, and news is expected daily of similar action by Guatemala. When three states ratify the treaty a constitutional assembly to his home. Once there he sat down to make a careful scrutiny, with a As he laid down the lens, he hapno is staying at the hotel with his
amily, got into some trouble with the
uthorities at Macao the other day,
no obtained his release by a passport
f some kind, which the consul says he
ever issued or heard of."

"And pray, where did the gentleman
betain it?"

As he laid down the lens, he happened to glance upward at some Chinese characters on the wall of his
room, and they instantly suggested to
him a saying of Confucius which led
him to pick up the glass and gaze at
the American eagle again. "Why, of
course! How strange I didn't see it at
the federation.

If formed, the advantages of a
Control American Union, or United course! How strange I didn't see it at first:" Now what was it that he saw Central American Union, or United and that convinced him in an instant that the second impression was made with a duplicate seal, that the maker maintenance of peace, an important of that seal was a Chinaman and not a European, and that led him along a different line of inquiry? The secret of that discovery he reserved for a republic would, it is said, be indistrible and the only difficulties later date.

Liao! ("A visitor has arrived! A visitor has arrived!") resounded from the outer portal, and Old Chang, the gatekeeper, hastened to draw back the great wooden bolts. "Sing Boo A united republic would command. Police!") announced the venerable matron, who was leaning over the rail of the upper gallery. "Pao Cha Sung Yang Yen Tsao!" ("Pour the tea and offer the ocean smoke-grass." i.e., foreign tobacco), called Wang Foo to her as he hastened down to greet the inspector.

"Well, Mr. Wang," he said, after he had refreshed himself with the steaming beverage, we have made an important discovery, and so Lithought immigration, two all-important factors in the development of any grow-ing country. Now the different states of Central America are little known abroad, and, for that matter, in the United States there are few who are familiar with their geography, history and the unbounded possibilities which lie in their undeveloped resources.

Because of the petty jealousies and rivalries of the different states at

tainly an important discovery. Keep him securely locked up; allow no one —not even the native officers—to

WANG FOO'S two following visits were made to Macao and Canton. At the former resort he stayed long At the former resort he stayed long enough to secure a glimpse of the redoubtable Signor Rodiguez and to assure himself that though he bore a striking resemblance to Hiraldo the Goose, he could not be one and the same person, for the reason that he had seen the latter that very morning on his way to the consulate. He was perfectly sure, however, that he was a rascal of the first water, and was employed as an agent of the Portuguese government and also of the Chinese gambling halls.

of the Chinese gambling halls. english authorities. "Look at this!" said his excellency, as he unfolded before him a sheet of yellow paper covered with drawings and diagrams. "Here is a chart of the 'lower ocean heil' (as the natives call the underground gambling cellars in the colonies) with all its engrapes and exits not three blocks. trances and exits—not three blocks away from your home in the Red Cloud alley. Now, what will your English po-

lice say to that?"
"I have suspected it for some time,"
was the quiet and thoughtful answer of
Wang Foo, "but I have never been able
to secure just the evidence I wanted.
I will now make a personal inspection
of it and we will plan for a thorough
cleaning out....." "A personal inspection! You will take your life in your hands—"
"Oh, I often have to do that," was the nonchalant answer of the famous

"May the aid and protection of all the Buddhas be with you, then, and may east and west clasp hands in the great cause of 'Yii'' (justice), was the great cause of Yii'' (j

solver of the colony's mysteries stretched himself out on his bamboo couch and thought the whole story over. The following facts appeared to be clear, viz:

First, a daring criminal had escaped from the hands of the police, just as they were about to hand him back to the Canton authorities. This, of course, wish to obtain riches!") She ushered wish to obtain riches!") She ushered him in and led him along to a trap

"Why, none other than our old friend, Hiraldo the Goose!"
"And what is your evidence against

be sure, but nevertheless safe. You see, our deputy searched the little room where he lives, up in the Portuguese quarter there on the hill, and he found a lot of wood-carving tools and a number of seals and other ornaments that he was making for his friends. There's not a particle of doubt that he made a duplicate of the consular seal—copying it day by day as the consul went out to tiffin—and that he's been sell-ing impressions of it right along to

"Well, your excellency," said Wang
Foo to the governor, who had just entered the room and overheard the last
part of the dialogue: "Father Morilla
is right, and Hiraldo is entirely innocent! That seal was never carved by a European!"

stonished inspector.
"How do I know it?" said Wang Foo "How do I know it?" said Wang Foo, as he laid two papers on the table before them, "this is how I know it. Look at these two seals and mark carefully the head and eyes of the eagle. In the genuine one he is looking to the right, is he not?"

"Exactly so," was the joint reply. "And in the counterfeit, he is looking to the left!"

"Why! So he is! Strange that we never noticed that before."

"The left is always to the Chinees the point of honor; with Europeans it is the right—that proves conclusively that a notice made it."

folding a formidable looking document, is what our gracious govern-ment requires us to sign and swear to." "Well, it seems to require only one

thing more," she sweetly said.

"And that is?"

"Why, you silly boy, can't you see?

It requires the consul's seal!" (Copyright, 1921.)

the maintenance of one central gov

diplomatic representatives abroad

instead of the five separate govern-

as a federal government could guar-

of power by the central government, and all disputes would be settled

through the courts.

The civilized world would profit by the establishment and maintenance of a permanent peace in Central

New York and San Francisco are more than twice the distance from

each other than the distance between either of these two cities and any Central American seaport. A pine log sent from the Pacific coast of Hon-duras to New York will cost less to

transport than a log sent from the middle west to New York, and very much less than one shipped from the

western coast to New York.

The one obstacle which may event-

ually block the realization of the

said that the parties now in power are willing, generally speaking, to make the change in the hope of es-

tablishing the union before the cen

states at present.

## Experiment in Formation of a New Government

TITHIN the next two or three present, and the varying policies and months the world is to witness an interesting experiment in the formation of a government. It is to take place government but the states themselves, there has the states the states themselves, there has the states the st on that little strip of land to the south of us, known as Central America, maintained at an average cost of \$20,000 adv. Those advocating the union believe it would be possible to reduce the armies to one force to be used in emergencies, with a strength of possibly 5,000 men. By this means alone, it is estimated, \$4,000,000 annually would be diverted from usebring about the union under one head of the five little republics of Guateless channels and put to work in developing the union's resources and making needed improvements, con-struction of railways, building roads mala, Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua

and Costa Rica. On September 15 of this year the 100th anniversary of Central America's independence from Spanish rule will be observed. Whether it will be celebrated by five separate little republics or by one strong union is a question which can be answered only question which can be answered only ment agencies, with all their branches, by the success or failure of a project which are supported by the individual once again renewed after nearly a century of protracted, fruitless dis-

cussion. Eight times tried and as many times antee its debts by agreement with a failure before a fair trial, a union of the Central American republics is and abroad would stimulate indus-Eight times tried and as many times receiving little serious attention by other republics of the south. But those who have watched the last attempt, now in progress and already the other hand attract investment. There would be greater respect for the laws, enforced by a central government with an army at its command, and, on the other hand. resulted in the signing by two countries of a treaty for the formation of union-with every indication pointing to similar action by the necessary third country—see a new meaning, a new hope in the movement. Founded on the priniciples of democracy to which this country America, and the United States, it is owes its strength, there is little doubt that the new union, once started and given a fair trial, will be a successful undertaking with every promise of becoming a real factor in the world today.

tennial celebration on September 15, and the people, it is said, are impressed with the importance of so The population of Central America is estimated at 5,000,000. If the union "Kak Jin Lai Liao! Kak Jin Lai contemplated by those working for iao! ("A visitor has arrived!" A the plan would be domestic, and by ("The Grand Man of the respect, attract foreign capital and immigration, two all-important facunbounded posin their undein their undein jealousies and can struggle and die in Central America.

"IT'S all right, Mr. Wang," remarked the inspector, as they met by ap--not even the native officers—to communicate with him, and I will report to you on the morrow."

"Right you are, sir." answered the chief, who seemed quite pleased with this new link in the chain of evidence.

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THE INSPECTION, as they have the following in the inspection, as they have seemed the man this time, and the Portuguese consul has him securely locked up."

"Ah! Indeed," calmly remarked the detective, "and who, may I ask, do you think he is?"

of the Chinese gambling halls.

At Canton he secured an interview with his old friend, the viceroy, and ascertained from him the important news that "Old Vegetables" had been captured and, under torture, had made some startling disclosures regarding his confederates in Hongkong. These facts, with the usual Chinese secretiveness, they had carefully concealed from the English authorities. "Look at this!" Foo to the governor, who had just en-

"How do you know that?" asked the

to be in school so he has got to have clothes to go in. Well here is a list of what he needs per annum and the cost Add \$10.00 per annum for school

books and you have got a total of \$78.75 which you subtract away from \$200 and it leaves \$121.25 per annum to feed him with, or about \$.33 per day that age ain't generally very hungry. Still and all its the custom to giv them 3 meals per day so I have made out the following menu: BREAKFAST

LUNCHEON soup, bread and butter, DINNER

Meat, potatoes, vegetable, desscheme for union is the natural re-luctance of the presidents and their parties in the different republics to exchange their titles and powers as This amounts up to only \$.32 a day and leaves the young man \$.01 for spending money, but if he is a chip off of the old block he will save this up for a yr., when he will have \$3.65 presidents for those of governors of the various states. Happily, it is in one lump and can give his girl a

IN order for the kid to get along on one complete outfit of wearing apparrel like listed above, it may be necessary for him to spend one day were successfully breught about it per wk. in the hay while the old would rank fourth place among the lady is creaseing his pants and dustcountries of Latin America, those countries exceeding it being Argentina, Brazil and Mexico.

History shows that the political unity of Central America has been a reality for more than 300 years, and that the aspitations of its people have been maintained up to the present time. There is no race or religious enmity, the race being Indoligious enmity, the race being IndoSpanish and the religion Roman Catholic.

The union is considered a positive necessity for the welfare, development and prosperity of the country. In the words of Maximo Jeres, one of its most distinguished advocates:

"It is the only cause for which one can struggle and die in Central Amercan st

# The Fine Art of Keeping a Dependent On \$200 a Year

March is at hand, which the soothsayer once told Caesar to beware of them on acct. of it being the date when you half to give etc. he picks up dureing the day.

Of course if the dependent is mentally defective you won't need no hundred thousand and pretty nearly \$200 or nowheres near such an amt every place I been lately people was disgusting their income tax though as of leather and cup it up into different shapes to make it look like different kinds of meat. joyed the conversation, but the worst crabs of all is the fathers of a fam-

Then when you serve one of the pleces to him at a meal, say, "The mutton ain't done tonight," or "This steak is tough." asn't give them a square deal in re-ards to personal exemption for same. Hive different pieces of leather will last him a yr. and he will think they's plenty of variety if you call gards to personal exemption for same.

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ily that seems to think the govt.

hasn't give them a square deal in re-

gards to their age. A man won't have no difficultor Well in the 1st place let us keeping a wife on \$1.000 per yr. ugo you have got a normal son 17 yrs. old which nothing is the matter with him. Well a boy this age should ought

lest he allows her to run a charge acct. somewheres. When a woman can tell them to charge it, she will buy all the junk in the store but if you give a gal cash money and say, "This is your own," she will hold onto it like it was a library book. The madam's feed bag is what costs the most and the only way to keep her from eating up 5 or \$600 per annum is to every once in a wile call her fatty in a jokeing way. RING W. LARDNER

Great Neck, L. I., March 11.

### Incorruptible One

(Continued from Second Page.)

bia with a violence that flung Cammarillo's army flat on its face. A geyser of curses rose from the cluttered decks. What the devil-"We're ashore.

"Name of God, this is not what was promised. "Holy saints, are we to swim to Peterson, alias Schmidt, leaned over

voice trembled. thing has happened. An island has come between us and the harbo suit clothes ...... 25.00 are under the guns of San Martinds 25.00 A joke—a colossal joke—has played upon us. We must wait for the morning and the Liberator. Pazienza Do you not fire a shot or so much as light a match. Tomorrow, revenge and victory. To night, discretion."

broken only by the uneasy shuffle of bare feet on the decks. Then Cammarillo's nationalists, cheated of loot and glory, broke loose and stamped ed. They rushed from bow to stern and back again like a pack of hungry wolves. They came together in squads and platoons and made warfare in the darkness. A noise rose from the stranded ship like the barking and thunder of a menagerie. Men squealed, bit, clawed, thumped. Magella was there, a stone's throw away, like and tempting beefsteak dangled before 16 caged lion. The Liberta shook be-pi neath the frenzied rushes of the mada dened revolutionists. Dal Re shouted: 'Peace! Silence! You will be dell' stroyed!" But no one heard him. The second officer and his shadow, orit backing away from the bridge, charged the riot head down, straddle the rail, and dropped into the water. where the fruiter's stern sagged deep into Magella harbor. Shaking his held, the sandy-haired youngster followed Signor Pug, swimming with powerful strokes toward the Capo headland; Behind them the thwarted nations

ists split heaven with their howls. He "It worked," Pug gasped, grinning in the darkness. "It worked. Oh, the simple heart of Signor Schmidt! We'll go ashore and wake up the garrison at San Martino. We'll salute your prospective papa-in-law in propertyle. There's work to do before Cammarillo begins the third act